



# LIFE SKILLS/ VOCATIONAL ACCESS

The Life Skills programme supports learners to develop Independence and social skills, and the Vocational Access area offers assisted entry to vocational areas around College; both programmes include personal, social development and individual learning. The unit is proud of its Person-Centred approach to learning, with timetables linked to learners' aspirations and needs.

The learners' access vocational areas and life skills in varying proportions suited to their needs, as well as sessions to improve their confidence and personal safety, in an inclusive environment. All have the opportunity to access further learning in an extended curriculum which covers both independent living and social skills. Not all learning follows accreditation. However, where appropriate all learners have access to the following accredited courses:

## The Life Skills Curriculum

This course comprises five strands; these strands encompass the essential skills the learners need to become as independent as possible.

- Daily living skills
- Personal care and presentation
- Community and leisure
- Practical skills
- Personal and social skills

### Aims

- To promote independent living skills and confidence in learners
- To reward the achievement of learners for the skills they have developed
- To add value to the quality of life experience of a group of learners who have limited access to progression routes.
- To develop a range of skills to enhance social abilities
- To develop skills in expressing their views and opinions when given informed choices

## City & Guilds Qualification in Personal Progression 3803-01

### Entry 1

This qualification aims to enable young people with learning and/or communication difficulties develop the skills that will enable them to participate as citizens in the community. Improve essential personal, social and practical skills, increase confidence and self-esteem and develop self-determination and greater personal autonomy.

# Vocational Access Curriculum

Learners follow individualised timetables to meet their needs, wants and aspirations. Learners access the many vocational areas in College. The Vocational Access staff team provide additional 1:1 specialist support to those learners who would otherwise find these courses inaccessible.

## Edexcel Skills for Working Life Entry 2 – Entry 3

These Entry level qualifications offer learners a starting point on the National Qualification Framework and includes units of vocational subjects alongside personal and social development units.

## City & Guilds Certificate in Personal Progression through Employment 3803-03 Entry 3

This enables young people with learning difficulties and/or communication difficulties develop the skills that will enable them to participate as citizens within the community and, where possible, within the work place. All vocational programmes are supplemented and embedded with Skills for Life. All learners attending this college must attend Skills for Life classes until they achieved Level 2 in each subject.